

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Survey # AA 818

Boyde House  
1335 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach

C. 1902

Private residence

The Boyde House is a large, three storey cottage in the historic black town of Highland Beach. It is a triple A frame colonial dwelling with an extensive eight bay veranda on the northern, eastern, and southern views. It was originally constructed to be a guest house or hostel for travelling blacks who were denied accommodations in other black front communities. Today, it is the private home of the Boyde family and it symbolically represents the history and future of this unique black town.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Boyd House/Highland Beach

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1335 Douglas Ave LTS 8 9 10 BK 5

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY  
Anne Arundel**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Boyd, John B., Jr.  
Boyd, Norma T.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1335 Douglass Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE. Index # 2411 01643820  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Use R Map 57 Blk 15 Parcel 0012  
LTS 8 9 10 BK 5

Liber #: 2638

Folio #: 708

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AA-818

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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1335 Douglass

This triple A frame, now colonial house has been substantially remodeled. However, the articulation of the screened porch and simplistic wood of the facade are compatible architectural elements and support the historical theme of the community. This three storey structure was originally more Victorian and boasted gingerbread ornamentation and other high style motifs.

The Boyde House is three stories high and is located on the block of Highland Beach which is bordered by Douglass Avenue on the north, westover Lane towards the east, Chesapeake Avenue (in Venice Beach, Maryland) at the south and the intersection of Langston Avenue and Douglass Avenue towards the west. The lot is cleared of most of the original vegetation. The house is a large and imposing structure and is situated on one of the higher elevations in the community.

The original house, built in 1902, was constructed upon a pier foundation of rock faced stone. The spaces between the piers were covered with wooden latticework. A veranda encircled the original facade. The columns supporting the roof of the veranda were wooden, both turned with decorative floral motif brackets. The railing on the veranda was also decorative with intricate patterns turned into the wood. The windows were double hung with functional shutters on all floors. The lights in the gable ends of the third floors were arched sash type with six panes and a single pane in the opening.

The remodeled structures foundation is completely enclosed and the railings on the veranda have been removed. The roof supports for the veranda appear to be the original lathe turned wooden posts, however. The veranda has been screened and a much simple but geometric railing system is exhibited on the northern and eastern views. The porch off the main entrance is open. The doorway exhibits a multi-paneled door which is covered by an aluminum and wrought iron storm door. The entire doorway is surrounded with an elaborate cornice.

The shutters have been removed from the windows and the original clapboard siding has been replaced with weatherboard siding. A chimney has been added to the northern view.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

<b>PERIOD</b>		<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</b>			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Black Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass in 1894. The town was conceived by Major Haley R. Douglass to be a resort community for prominent blacks in the late nineteenth century. Highland Beach is a unique, existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

The Boyd House was formally owned by George T. Bowen. The original house was constructed to be a hostel for black travellers who were usually denied access to other beach front accommodations. The roster of guests at the Bowen cottage included the Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute.

The present house, currently owned by the Boyd family is an integral part of the design of the historic town. Even though it has been renovated, the house is a symbolic statement of the past and the future of Highland Beach. The house needs to be further evaluated within the context of architecture and black town planning.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lots 8 and 9 Block 5

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Collins Turner

April 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE

301-444-3225

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

STATE

21239

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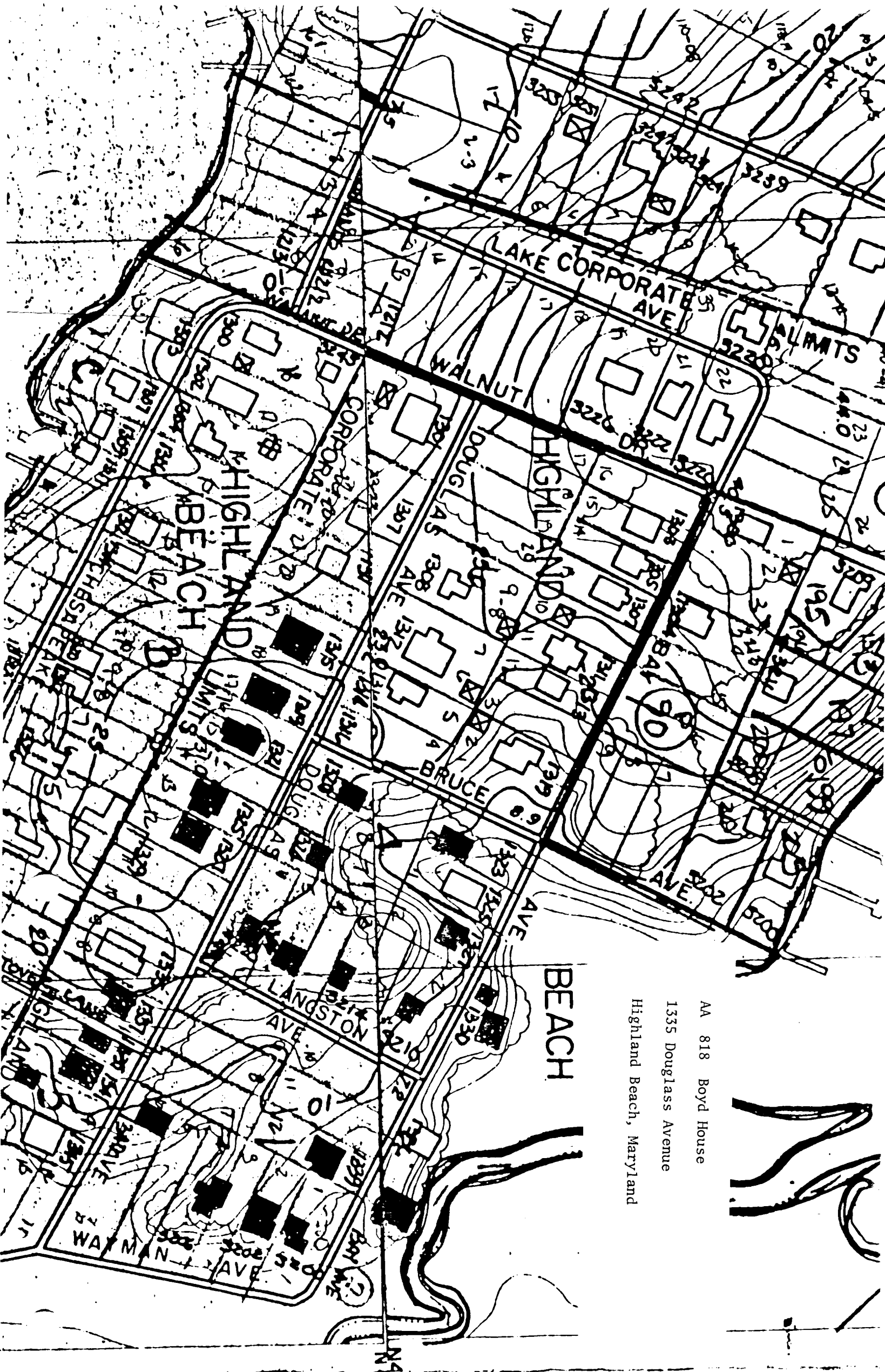
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE ABSTRACT  
1335 Douglas ave

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JCB. 3 260 8/13/1895 Joseph H. Douglass  
\$325.  
GW. 6 311 6/28/1897 To  
\$300.  
FRS 18 150 2/21/27 George T. Bowen  
  
To  
FSR 98 76 5/26/32 Charles Flagg & Annozean ( Wife)  
  
To  
FAM 140 93 10/4/41 Southern Maryland Mortgage Co  
\$2600. George B. Woelfel (Trustee) Equity #5750  
  
To  
JHH245 397 10/4/41 Grace Dodson Personal Rep.  
Leona L. Dodson Smith Estates  
  
To  
2638 708 11/15/73 John Boyd Jr. and Norma Boyd (Wife)



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AA 818 Boyd House  
General View  
Highland Beach, Maryland  
Fern Eisner, Photographer  
March, 1982